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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 25-Mar-00 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week	Previous Week
	03/25/00	03/18/00
Bro-Fry	156,127	159,120
Lt Hens	2,071	1,973
Hvy Hens	1,527	1,538

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 18-Mar- 2000 (Thousand Head)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	539	12	551
Last Week	408	0	408
Same Wk Yr Ago	613	28	641
To Date 2000	5,928	39	5,967
To Date 1999	5,402	109	5,511

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,510	1,460	3,970
Last Week	2,517	1,513	4,030
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,738	1,409	4,147
To Date 2000	28,263	15,011	43,274
To Date 1999	29,110	14,664	43,774

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 18-Mar-00 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	148,354 (A)	1,971	1,448	3,419
Avg Wt	5.11	3.42	7.82	5.29
Last Week	155,100	2,109	1,513	3,622
Same Week Yr Ago	148,775	2,125	1,381	3,506
Avg Wt	5.06	3.44	7.76	5.14
To-Date/2000	1,686,888	22,335	14,972	37,307
To-Date/1999	1,652,796	23,708	14,555	38,263

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 153.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 150.2 million head or 3.1 million head more than or 98 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending March 11, 2000**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	32,568	35,603	36,977
Avg Weight	3.79	4.84	6.15
% Of Total /1	31%	34%	35%
Comparisons			
Last Week	36,065	36,754	34,944
Avg Weight	3.84	4.86	6.21
% Of Total /1	33%	34%	32%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	33,091	30,617	37,531
Avg Weight	3.87	4.95	6.22
% Of Total /1	33%	30%	37%
To Date/2000	339,160	303,277	399,190
To Date/1999	335,900	312,761	426,844
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 11-Mar-2000
(Thousand Head)**

	Young (B)	Young Breeder	Old Breeder	Total
Head	4,408	20	33	4,461
Avg Wt	27.16	25.85	28.00	27.16
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	3,971	2	18	3,991
Same Week Yr Ago	5,270	24	20	5,314
Avg Wt	22.74	26.42	31.10	22.79
To-Date/2000	44,511	61	355	45,012
To-Date/1999	45,605	167	297	46,069

(B) Includes 85,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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